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IN THE SETTLING DUST OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT OF SPORTS
CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AT THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT IN
LONDON, IT HAS FINALLY BECOME CLEAR THAT NO OUTRIGHT BOYCOTT OF
NEXT YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN EDMONTON, CANADA, IS LIKELY TO
BE FORTHCOMING.

HOWEVER, THE PARTY NEWSPARE HERE, THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, TODAY CALLS
FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE GAMES IF NEW ZEALAND DOES NOT STOP SPORTS
COMPETITION WITH THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT.

BASING ITS EDITORIAL COMMENT ON A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM LONDON
REPORTING THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE PLAN TO ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA
FROM SPORTING CONTACTS, THUS HEADING OFF A THREATENED AFRICAN
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BOYCOTT, THE TIMES EDITORIALIZES:

"THE EDMONTON GAMES ARE NEXT YEAR; IF BY THAT TIME NEW ZEALAND HAS
NOT SEVERED ALL LINKS WITH THE RACISTS, THE AFRICAN NATIONS AND
THEIR ASIAN SYMPATHIZERS SHOULD BOYCOTT THE GAMES."

THE PAPER NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH THE SPECIAL STATMENT ISSUED BY THE 33

NATIONS ON THE SUBJECT DOES NOT MENTION NEW ZEALAND BY NAME,
"AN EARLY COMMUNIQUE ON NEW ZEALAND'S SPORTING CONTACTS WITH THE
RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME IS STRANGELY EQUIVOCAL."

COMMENTING ON THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT AS A WHOLE, THE NEWSPAPER CALLS
ON THE SUMMIT TO "ENDORSE THE FRONTLINE STATES' POSITION ON RHODESIA
-- WITH THE RIDER THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE BE SUPPORTED
EVEN WHILE THE FIGHTING IS GOING ON."

SAYS THE TIMES: "THE COMMONWEALTH SHOULD CALL ON BRITAIN TO END THE
REBELLION. IF THIS MEANS GIVING ARMS TO THE NATIONALISTS, IT
SHOULD COME OUT COURAGEOUSLY AND SAY SO."

"EMPTY THREATS WHICH ARE INCAPABLE OF TRANSLATION INTO REALITY ARE NO
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LIKELY TO FRIGHTEN THAT LITTLE RACIST "(SMITH), ACCORDING TO THE TIME
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EDITORIAL.

ON THE "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER", THE PAPER HAS THESE VIEWS: "AS
LONG AS THE RICH NATIONS BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE
CAVIARE FOR BREAKFAST WHILE THE POOR NATIONS ARE DYING OF STARVATION,
WE ARE STUCK WITH OUR POVERTY, UNLESS WE CAN HELP OVERSELVES
COLLECTIVELY."

THE SAME PAPER REPORTS THAT SWAPO ATTACKED ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
BIGGEST MILITARY BASES NEAR KATIMA MULILO IN EASTERN CAPRIVI STRIP,
KILLING "OVER 26 TROOPS."

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ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, SWAPO MADE THE CLAIM IN A STATEMENT ISSUED
HERE, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS APART FROM SAYING THE INCIDENT
OCCURED ON JUNE 8, AT 01.55 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

BOTH THE TIMES AND THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL CONTINUE GIVING SUBSTANTIAL
ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AS RACIAL
TENSION INCREASED A DAY BEFORE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOWETO
UPRISINGS.

ALSO COVERED IS THE STOPOVER IN LUSAKA BY DEPUTY CHIEF U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN, AMBASSADOR DONALD MCHENRY, TO BRIEF
SWAPO AND ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS ON THE RECENT TALKS IN CAPE TOWN ON THE
FUTURE OF NAMIBIA.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW CONFERENCE, JUNE 13, AND THE UNTIED
STATES' REJECTION OF A DRAFT TEXT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF
EXPLOITATION OF THE OCEAN FLOOR WORKED OUT AT THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE APPEAR ON THE FOREIGN PAGES OF THE TWO NEWSPAPERS.

THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN SPAIN AS THAT COUNTRY BRACES ITSELF FOR ITS FIRST FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 41 YEARS, AND THE DEMONSTRATION IN MOSCOW BY ABOUT 40 ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS PROTESTING THEIR GOVERNMENT'S ATROCITIES , COMPLETE THE MAKE UP OF THE FOREIGN PAGES IN THE TWO PAPERS.

AN OBSERVER FEATURE SERVICE ARTICLE BY DAVID MARTIN EXAMINES AT LENGTH RHODESIA'S RECENT INCURSIONS INTO MOZAMBIQUE AND CONCLUDES THAT SUCH ATTACKS ARE MOST LIKELY TO PUSH THE WEST TO "SOME INDIRECT MILITARY AID" TOWARDS MOZAMBIQUE, AS WELL AS BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA WHICH HE SAYS ARE ALSO UNDER ATTACK BY RHODESIA. ITEM USIS LUSAKA. BURNS

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